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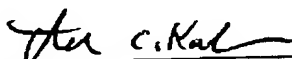
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Applicants: FACTOR, Michael et al. Examiner: KRAVETS, Leonid  
Serial No.: 10/699,149 Group Art Unit: 2189  
Filed: October 31, 2003  
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(DIRECT ACCESS STORAGE DEVICES) FREE NONVOLATILE  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2005 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the December 6, 2005 Office Action is due March 6, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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